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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

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MAYOR MOVES TO STREAMLINE CONTRACTING FOR PUBLIC-WORKS PROJECTS

Reorganization will reduce time to award bids for streets, other fixes

Mayor Jerry Sanders announced plans today to streamline the city's contracting process, a move meant to reduce the time it takes to award contracts for public-works projects ranging from street repairs to water-main replacements.

"As a city, we simply don't move fast enough to process bids and award contracts on these vital public-works projects," the mayor said. "It's certainly not for lack of hard work by city staff. By reorganizing the city's personnel, we can speed up the process while retaining all necessary oversight designed to make sure taxpayers get the best deal possible."

Under the reorganization, 14 positions have been moved from the city's Purchasing and Contracting Department to the city's Public Work Department. It currently takes an average of 6 to 8 months to award a contract once the city receives bids for a public-works project; the mayor is confident that the reorganization will help reduce that average.

"We appreciate Mayor Sanders' commitment to speed up the delivery time for these important infrastructure projects, and we look forward to working with city staff as they continue to streamline the contracting process," said Brad Barnum, Vice President of Government Relations for the Associated General Contractors, San Diego Chapter.

The latest move is part of the mayor's long-standing commitment to make the city run more efficiently. Since taking office in 2005, the mayor has saved taxpayers \$39 million by employing the management tool known as Business Process and Re-Engineering, which utilizes best practices to provide services to the public in the most efficient manner possible.

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